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1. The dissension which has existed between the Belgian and French members of the International Police Force in Tangier continues unabated, and according to source, each group is attempting to enlist foreign support for its demands.
2. On 6 December the BBC carried in Spanish a broadcast alleged to be a summarized quotation from an article which had appeared in the Times in London on the preceding day. It is reputed to have criticized the ability of Admiral Luiz de Magalhães Correa, Administrator of the International Zone, and to have censured the efficiency and probable corruption of the city's administration, including the Police.
3. The report of this broadcast caused the Belgian officers of the International Police Force to take direct action. One of their number called in person upon the Belgian Consul General, Carlos de Radigues de Chenniviere, and told him that the Belgian officers, with the exception of their commander, Colonel Legrand, had decided to submit a direct report to the Minister of Justice in Brussels. This report, in the process of preparation, was to be sent to the Minister on 15 December and was to include the following points:
 - a. Three complete reports concerning the conduct of the police force and its working conditions, together with recommendations for modification and reorganization were submitted by Chief Commissioner of the Tangier Urban Police, Marcel Valkies, to his Chief, Colonel Legrand. These reports were dated 15 January, May and August 1946. Each stressed that because of French control and interference, it was not, and would not be, possible to fulfill the Belgian Mission's task (as authorized by the Tangier conference in Paris) of instituting and operating a neutral and efficient International Police Force.
 - b. Only vague oral answers have been received to these three reports and with the exception of very minor details no reorganization has taken place.
 - c. The signer of the report, Valkies, has the stated cooperation of all other Belgian officers serving under the Colonel, and these officers

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have also signed their names in testimony of agreement with the statements made.

- d. A copy of the report was being furnished to the Belgian Consul General.
 - e. A campaign of defamation has been launched by the French against the Belgian officers and their work.
 - f. Under the circumstances, the Belgian officers signing can no longer accept responsibility for the conduct of the International Police Force and if French control is not removed they respectfully request to be relieved from duty and be allowed to return to Brussels to state the facts.
4. According to source, the Belgian Consul General stated that he thought the officers were taking the proper action. He added that he would forward a copy of their report to the Foreign Office at Brussels, and that he would not give a copy to their Colonel.

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